

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended): A method for enabling a billing user-configuration, the method comprising:

receiving first data regarding a communications characteristic;
retrieving second data indicative of a frequency of usage related to the communications characteristic;
retrieving third data indicative of a frequency of usage threshold;
comparing the second data to and the third data; and
based on results of the comparison between the second data and the third data, enabling a billing user-configuration ~~based on results of the comparison between the second data and the third data~~.

24. (Original): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes data relating to a telephone number.

25. (Original): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes data indicative of a user name.

26. (Original): The method of claim 24 wherein the second data indicates historical information regarding past attempts to enable the user configuration based on the first data.

27. (Original): The method of claim 26 wherein the historical information is defined over a specified period of time.

28. (Currently amended): The method of claim 23 wherein the first data includes Automatic Number Identification (ANI) data.

29. (Original): A method for enabling a user configuration, the method comprising:
receiving data regarding a communication characteristic;
identifying a formatting characteristic of the data received;
comparing the formatting characteristic against a format criteria; and
enabling a user configuration based on results of the comparison between the formatting characteristic and the format criteria.

30. (Original): The method of claim 29 wherein the communications characteristic includes a telephone number.

31. (Original): The method of claim 29 wherein the formatting characteristic and the format criteria each include length.

32. (Original): The method of claim 31 wherein the length includes a number of characters.

33. (Currently amended): The method of claim 29 wherein the format criteria require only numeric data in the received data.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently amended): A system for enabling a billing user configuration comprising:
means for receiving first data regarding a communications characteristic;

means for retrieving second data indicative of a frequency of usage related to the communications characteristic;

means for retrieving third data indicative of a frequency of usage threshold;

means for comparing the second data to ~~and~~ the third data; and

means for enabling a billing ~~user~~ configuration based on results of the comparison between the second data and the third data.

36. (Original): A system for enabling a user configuration comprising:

means for receiving data regarding a communication characteristic;

means for identifying a formatting characteristic of the data received;

means for comparing the formatting characteristic against a format criteria; and

means for enabling a user configuration based on results of the comparison between the formatting characteristic and the format criteria.

37-47. (Cancelled)